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SUBJECT: EC MASHREK AGREEMENTS TO BE SIGNED JANUARY 18; ISRAEL,
FEB 8

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1. THE EC COMMISSION PRESS SPOKESMAN ANNOUNCED JANUARY 13
THAT THE EC AND EGYPT, SYRIA AND JORDAN WILL SIGN THEIR COOPERA-
TION AGREEMENTS ON JANUARY 18 IN BRUSSELS. THE NINE FOREIGN
MINISTERS WILL BE HERE FOR THE FOREIGN MINISTERS COUNCIL;
THE SIGNING CEREMONY WILL BE HELD ON THE SIDELINES OF THIS
MEETING. TRADE OR INDUSTRY MINISTERS ARE EXPECTED FROM EACH
MASHREK COUNTRY FOR THE CEREMONY.

2. COMMISSION AND PERMDEL OFFICIALS TELL US THAT THE EC
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OFFERED SOME ADDITIONAL ASSISTANCE TO MOLLIFY MASHREK
CONCERN OVER THE LONG PERIOD OF THE AGREEMENTS'
FINANCIAL PROLOCOLS. THE EC FOOD AID WORKING GROUP,
WE UNDERSTAND, AGREED TO THE PROPOSED 75,000 MT OF
CEREAL FOOD AID FOR EGYPT (SEE 76 EC BRUSSELS 10457)
AND TO SET ASIDE AN ADDITIONAL 25,000 MT FOR POSSIBLE
DONATION TO EGYPT. THE COUNCIL MUST NOW APPROVE THIS

AID. IN RESPONSE TO JORDAN'S REQUEST, THE EC AGREED TO INDICATE AT THE SIGNING CEREMONY THAT IT WOULD REVIEW THE AGREEMENT'S PROVISIONS REGARDING AGRICULTURAL IMPORTS IN LIGHT OF JORDAN'S AGRICULTURAL SITUATION. OFFICIALS HERE, HOWEVER, DO NOT PLACE MUCH IMPORTANCE ON THIS STATEMENT.

3. THE TWO PROTOCOLS TO THE EC/ISRAELI COOPERATION AGREEMENT WILL BE SIGNED ON THE SIDELINES OF THE FEBRUARY 8 FOREIGN MINISTERS COUNCIL MEETING. ISRAEL'S FOREIGN MINISTER IS EXPECTED TO ATTEND. THE CLOSE TIMING OF THESE TWO CEREMONIES IS IN LINE WITH EC POLICY TO PROCEED IN PARALLEL WITH MASHREK AND ISRAELI NEGOTIATIONS.

4. THE MISSION HAS NOW RECEIVED COPIES IN ENGLISH OF THE EC/MASHREK AGREEMENTS. WE ARE SENDING THEM TO STATE/EUR/RPE - MCLEAN AND THE AMEMBASSIES CONCERNED.HINTON

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